

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 23, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on August 23, 2023 at 5:31 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, John Ramirez, Peter Sygnator, Attorney Maurice Powe, Esq. being present and Commissioner Maria D'Angelantonio being absent. The meeting was held Virtual Public Hearing (ZOOM). To view Public Hearing .CH 17 on Springfield's Comcast <http://focusspringfield.com/watch/government>.

FIRST order of business –Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for Springfield Board of License Commissioners Hearing held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SECOND order of business: New Petitions

Petition for a Change of Hours for Amapola Bakery and Bistro d/b/a Mojitos Bar & Restaurant located at 497 Belmont Ave; Jamie Romero Cedeno, Manager of Record. From closing time 1:00 am to 2:00 am.

Attorney Dan Kelly appeared on behalf of Licensee

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to denied by Commissioner Sygnator, and approved by Commissioner Cade, Ramirez and Espinosa.

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a Change of Ownership Interest (LLC Members/LLP Partners, Trustees) and Issuance /Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder for Bino, Inc dba Center Stage located at 265-271 Dwight Street; Samuel Velazquez, Manager of Record.

Attorney Daniel O'Connor appeared on behalf of Licensee

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator with unanimous vote to approve

FOURTH order of business: Informational Hearing

One day Beer and Wine Liquor License for Vermont Vermouth; Event: Mattoon Street Art Festival at 29 Mattoon St on 9-9 & 10-23 from 10am-5pm; Kobey Shwayder, Event Planner.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez with unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTH order of business:

One day Beer and Wine License for Los Muchachos Restaurant. located at 436 Boston Rd; Private Party (Birthday) on 8-19 & 8-20-23 from 9:00 pm – 1:00 am; Event Planner; Darlin Soriano.

Licensing did not have to appeared

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to denied until Attorney Riley come on board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to denied by Commissioner Sygnator, Ramirez, Espinosa, Commissioner Cade approved and Commissioner D'Angelantonio obtained.

SIXTH order of business:

One day Beer and Wine License for South End Community Center Inc; Event: Comedy Show Fundraiser at 99 Marble Street on 9-9-23 from 7pm-10pm; Wesley Jackson, Event Planner.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business:

Khi and Eli Food for the Soul locate at 882 Sumner Ave; Melvin Lockett, Manager of Record. Change of Hours from 8:00pm closing on Friday and Saturdays to 4:00 am closing.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve 12:00am closing on the last Friday of the month and revisit in 6 months. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to denied by Commissioner Ramirez, and approved by Commissioner Cade, Sygnator and Espinosa.

EIGHTH order of business:

Indian Orchard Pizzeria located at 422 Main Street; Joseph Ferrara Jr., Manager of Record; Regarding Involuntary Dissolution.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 10/25/2023 regarding Involuntary Dissolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

NINETH order of business: Administrative Reports.

1. The Zone-Incident of 7-9-23 – No Action
2. Nathan Bills-Incident of 8-3-23 – No Action

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Alesia H. Days, Esq.**